However, a survey carried out on 10.7.1977 to check sale of these two drugs revealed that out of the 31 shops inspected, 5 shops supplied the drugs without Prescription. Steps have been initiated to take action against the defaulters under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

(b) The Drugs Control Administration (NCT), Delhi checked 385 chemists shops during the period 1/4/95 to 31/3/1997 to verify the suply of scheduled drugs without valid prescriptions. 60 shops were found to have sold various scheduled drugs without prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner and further have contravened other provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. Depending upon the contravention of the provisions falling under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, the licences of the shops were suspended for different periods of time.

Money spent on Medical Facilities in Rural Areas

988. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent by Government on medical facilities in rural areas of the country during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and till date, State-wise;

(b) the amount of money Government propose to spend during the next three years in the rural areas of the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In the rural areas medical facilities are provided through a net-work of Community Health Centres; Primary Health Centres, Sub-centres, Rural Family Welfare Centres and Post Martum Centres. The Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Government under Minimum Needs Programme for which funds are allocated to the State Governments by Planning Commission, 100% Central assistance is privided for maintenance of Rural Family Welfare Centres and Post Partum Centres.

Details of funds allocated to these Centres during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are annexed. [*See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 25*]

(b) and (c) It is proposed to provide more funds during the 9th Five Year Plan.

Re-appointment of SAG Medical Officers

989. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-employed some of the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) Medical Officers in the Ministry to steamline the CGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification for re-employing SAG Medical Officers whereas hundreds of SAG Medical Officers are there;

(c) whether Government propose to cancel such re-appointment orders and take action against the officers concerned who have deliberately and illegally re-employed Medical Officers; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a SAG level officer has been engaged as Consultant under WHO programme after retirement to streamline the Central Government Health Scheme.